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Excise Police Issue 125 Tickets at Indianapolis 500

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (May 27) – Indiana State Excise Police officers, working around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway this weekend, issued 125 tickets; most were for illegal possession or consumption of alcohol.

Excise officers worked saturation patrols inside and near the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, both in plain clothes and in uniform, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Most arrests were made on Carburetion Day and on the night before the race along Georgetown Road.

Officers issued six tickets during qualification days May 19 and 20.

Last year, excise police officers issued 174 tickets to 149 people, most for illegal possession or consumption of alcohol.

The following is a list of some of the charges:

- 93 – Illegal Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages
- 7 – Possession of Marijuana
- 4 – Public Intoxication
- 3 – Resisting Law Enforcement

Two each for: Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor, Public Indecency/Nudity, Sale of Alcoholic Beverages without a Permit, Possession of Paraphernalia and Escape.

One each for: Sexual Battery, Battery on Law Enforcement, Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Ecstasy, Possession of False Identification, Juvenile Possessing of Tobacco , False Informing and Battery.

“The Indianapolis 500 is an event where public safety is a primary focus for State Excise Police,” Superintendent Matt Strittmatter said. “With large amounts of alcohol consumed this weekend, officers must monitor activities closely so everyone has an enjoyable, but safe time.”

“State Excise officers are committed to ensuring the safety of young people by focusing on an important goal of the agency’s mission, which is controlling the access of alcohol to minors.”

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on enforcing Indiana’s alcohol and tobacco statutes.